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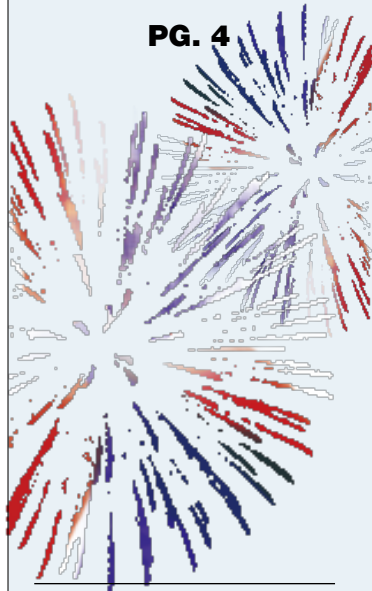
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## Ceremony honors sacrifices

**Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

ITOMAN, OKINAWA, Japan — More than 5,000 Okinawans, as well as service members from both the Japan Self-Defense Force and the U.S. armed forces, took part in a remembrance ceremony at Peace Memorial Park in Itoman June 23.

Erected in 1995, Peace Memorial Park is located at the site of the last recorded fighting during the Battle of Okinawa during World War II in southeastern Okinawa.

“We remember the sacrifices made during the Battle of Okinawa and this is why we, generations living in

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**Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. gives an account of the Battle of Okinawa at Peace Memorial Park in Itoman June 23. The battle was the last major engagement of World War II. Glueck is the commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning**

## 1st MAW hails new CG

**Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF



**Maj. Gen. William D. Beydler receives the colors of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for the last time from Sgt. Maj. Trevor V. Jackson, the sergeant major of 1st MAW, during a change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma June 22. Beydler relinquished command of 1st MAW to Brig. Gen. Christopher S. Owens, who previously served as the deputy commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force since July 2010. 1st MAW is a part of III Marine Expeditionary Force.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Maj. Gen. William D. Beydler relinquished command of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to Brig. Gen. Christopher S. Owens at a change of command ceremony here June 22.

Beydler commanded 1st MAW since June 2010 and will become the director, J-5, strategic plans and policy, U.S. Central Command.

“This is a very satisfying day for me,” said Beydler. “To the Marines and sailors of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, I thank you—I sincerely thank you for all you have done to keep us ready. We were able to fight today’s crisis, with today’s forces today because of your hard work.”

Owens previously served as the deputy commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force since July 2010.

“My family and I are very excited to be here,” said Owens. “I am impressed with what I have seen since I have been here, and I am mindful of the challenges we face in the months to come.”

Owens plans to continue along

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## 9th ESB honors fallen

**Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP HANSEN — Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion held a memorial service in honor of Cpl. Michael J. Palacio and Lance Cpl. Kenneth E. Cochran at the Camp Hansen Theater June 21. Both Marines were killed in action in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Palacio, 23, a Southern California native, was killed in action March 29 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Cochran, 20, a Wilder, Idaho, native, was killed in action Jan. 15 in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Palacio served as a military policeman, and Cochran served as a water support technician with 9th ESB. The battalion is part of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Palacio’s and Cochran’s families flew from their homes in the U.S. to attend the memorial.

“These families have given everything to our country,” said Lt. Col. Scott A. Baldwin, commanding officer of the battalion. “They continue to give by taking

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# Independence Day

## Remember sacrifices for freedom

Congress convened and wrote the Declaration of Independence, dated July 4, 1776, a formal document separating the American colonies from Great Britain. That historic day, now known as Independence Day, marked a time when brave Americans came together to resist oppression and forge a new future with a hopeful vision of liberty and equality for themselves and their families.

It is most appropriate that our nation's warriors and their families use the Fourth of July to reflect on what it means to be an American, to express gratitude for our many blessings, and to celebrate the ideals of freedom and opportunity that our nation holds so dear. Let us also take this time to remember the many courageous men and women who have served and sacrificed throughout our nation's history to preserve and protect our liberties.

Liberty commences as follows:

- III Marine Expeditionary Force/Marine Corps Installations Pacific military personnel: 7:30 a.m. July 4 to 7:30 a.m. July 6
- Civilian employees: supervisors of U.S. civilian appropriated fund employees may permit liberal leave procedures for their employees if mission and workload permit. The observed holiday for all civilian employees, U.S. and Japanese, is July 4. A liberal leave policy will be in effect July 5.
- Camp Mujuk military personnel and civilian employees will continue to follow their previously promulgated holiday routine schedule.

You are charged to remember, during this birthday of our great nation, to take care of each other and hold strong to our values of honor, courage and commitment. For those of you at home with family and friends, enjoy the celebration and the time off – safely and responsibly. Remain vigilant of your own actions and hold each other to this institution's high standards. We are ambassadors here on Okinawa, and it is our responsibility to represent our country and Corps well, both on and off duty.

*Semper Fidelis,*

*Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III MEF*

*Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of MCTPAC and MCB Butler*

## AROUND THE CORPS



U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. David H. Berger is greeted by Afghan National Army Col. Nawroz at Forward Operating Base Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 21. Berger visited Marjah to review the status of operations of Afghan National Army forces with those of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, 2nd Marine Division. Berger is the commanding general of Task Force Leatherneck, and Nawroz is the commanding officer of 3rd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps. Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin Barr



Maj. Sarah B. Armstrong prepares for honors during an evening parade at Marine Barracks Washington June 15. Armstrong is the first female to march as the parade commander since the barracks began conducting parades in 1948. Photo by Cpl. Jeremy Ware



Marines with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit demonstrate Marine Corps martial arts program techniques for embarked guests aboard USS Pearl Harbor June 18. The unit embarked the ship as well as USS Makin Island and USS New Orleans in San Diego, Calif. Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions. Photo by Cpl. Tommy Huynh

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# Safety vital during summer festivities, activities

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OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — During the dog days of summer, service members on Okinawa often enjoy time off with barbecues, festivals and fireworks.

Although they may seem harmless, these three things can be hazardous if not approached with safety in mind.

“When barbecuing, use lighter fluid in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidance,” said Michael Joseph, the assistant fire chief for the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Fire Department. “Allow the lighter fluid to soak into the charcoal before igniting it, and be sure not to wear loose clothing, which can catch on fire.”

Also, ensure the grill is not in a confined area because when burned, charcoal releases carbon monoxide, which is poisonous, according to Joseph.

A grill must be at least 10 feet from structures when in use, according to Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 11320.1, fire protection regulations and instructions.

Also, charcoal and charcoal residue should be allowed to cool before being emptied into a metal



receptacle with lid. Charcoal briquettes shall not be emptied into dumpsters until 24 hours after use, according to Base Fire Order 11320.1, chapter 7.

“Some other ways to stay safe while barbecuing are to ensure the area is safe for children by fencing off the area, wear mitts, use long-handled cooking utensils, and keep the grill in an open area without any overhead obstructions, such as tree branches and canopies, to prevent them from catching on fire,” said Joseph.

During the summer months, foodborne illnesses increase as a result of people cooking and eating outside more often at events such

as fairs and festivals. Sometimes, the usual safety controls a kitchen provides, like thermostat-controlled cooking, refrigeration and washing facilities, may not be available when cooking and dining at these events, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A safety hazard presented by festivals is the danger of crowded public areas. Festivals on Okinawa tend to get crowded quickly, so keeping safety in mind, especially where children are concerned, is extremely important.

“A few good ways to keep your children safe at festivals is to keep them with you at all times,” said Sgt. Luis R. Vela, a military policeman

with the Provost Marshal’s Office at Camp Foster. “Other ways are to have your group wear the same colored shirts, so they can be easily spotted or to carry and use a whistle if you get separated.”

Also, during the summer, many people enjoy various firework displays at community festivals. However, service members should be cautious around fireworks as they can cause serious injury.

On Okinawa, the dangers presented by fireworks are diminished as the use of fireworks is prohibited for all status of forces agreement and Department of Defense personnel on Okinawa, according to Joseph.

Fireworks caused an estimated 8,600 injuries in the U.S. in 2010. Of those injuries, 73 percent were obtained June 18 through July 18, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

However, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the summer months where everyone can safely enjoy food, festivals and fireworks.

For more safety tips, call the Installation Safety Office at 645-2651.

In case of an emergency, dial 911 on any base phone, or dial 098-911-1911 when using a cellular phone.

## EXCEPTIONALLY SUNNY SERIES EFMP, EDIS hosts weeklong camps

**Pfc. Anne K. Henry**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — The exceptional family member program and the educational and developmental intervention services program hosted the 4th annual Exceptionally Sunny Series camps June 25 through July 20.

The purpose of the series is to provide children an opportunity to participate in group activities, which promote skills helpful for academics, socialization and fitness. Both of the programs work with special-needs children.

“The camp gives families with special-needs children a chance to relax,” said Sarah Harrell, the training and outreach specialist for EFMP. “These children are used to a daily routine. When they are thrown into the summer months that routine is broken, and our camp allows them a routine for one week out of the summer.”

The weeklong camp allows children to engage in activities that promote social interaction, self expression, emotional growth and cultural enrichment within a safe and nurturing environment.

“The summer months can be daunting for families with special-needs children,” said Harrell. “The kids can come to our camps and be themselves.”

During the week, the children made sand dollar necklaces and 3-D fish bowls, worked with clay, planted seeds, and painted posters as a part of the camp’s extensive sensory definition program.

“The (camps) offered by EDIS and EFMP are fantastic for the children,” said Tracye K. Patton, the mother of Brennon C. Patton, a child participating in the camp. “The counselor with EDIS was very helpful with Brennon.”

The exceptional family member program is designed to help Marines ensure the continuum of care for family members with special needs. Its primary purpose is to provide coordination and support throughout the assignment process, ensuring the availability and accessibility of needed services for the family while meeting the mission of the Corps, according to Marine Corps Community Services.

An exceptional family member is defined as an authorized family member, a spouse, child, stepchild, adopted child, foster child or dependent parent, who is enrolled in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system and residing with the sponsor, unless the sponsor is on an unaccompanied assignment. The EFM must possess continued specialized needs in areas such as physical, intellectual or emotional disability that requires medical or educational services.

The mission of EDIS is to provide early intervention and related services assigned to the military medical departments overseas to eligible military and civilian children and their families, according to its mission statement.

The service seeks to maximize the potential of children who are identified as having or being at risk and assist in their development. EDIS promotes



**Sarah Harrell helps children participating in the Exceptionally Sunny Series camp with a crafts project at the Kishaba Youth Center at Camp Foster June 25. Harrell is the training and outreach specialist for the exceptional family member program.** Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry

family-based care, closely involving families in the development of treatment plans.

The Exceptionally Sunny Series has camps remaining at Camp McTureous, July 9-13, and Camp Kinser, July 16-20.

For more information on the Exceptionally Sunny Series or other EFMP inquiries, call 645-9237.



**BRIEFS**

**4TH OF JULY SPLASH BASH**

MCCS Semper Fit Aquatics is hosting a 4th of July Splash Bash at the MCAS Futenma and Camps Kinser, Foster (50m), McTureous, Courtney, Hansen and Schwab Aquatic Facilities July 4 from 1-4 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided while supplies last and music, fun activities and games will be part of a fun-filled afternoon to celebrate our nation's Independence Day.

Visit MCCS Aquatics on Facebook and mcsokinawa.com for details.

**ROCKIN THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE**

The Schilling Community Center is hosting "Rockin' the Red, White and Blue" July 3 from 6-9 p.m. at Marek Park at Kadena Air Force Base. The Independence Day celebration will feature a live concert performance by the David Ralston Band, with a fireworks display immediately following. No parking is available on site; a shuttle service will be operating starting at 5 p.m. from the Schilling Community Center and Chapel 1.

For more details, call 634-1387.

**MARINE CORPS POST OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Marine Corps post offices will operate as follows in observance of Independence Day:

July 3 - Normal working hours: Parcel pick up available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and retail services from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 4 - Closed

July 5 - Normal working hours.

**FOSTER POWER AND WATER OUTAGES**

Camp Foster will experience power and water outages throughout July.

For the listing of scheduled outages, contact Camp Services at 645-0883 or visit [www.facebook.com/campfoster](http://www.facebook.com/campfoster).

**SUMMER GATE CLOSURE**

Gate 1B, the Sergeant Major gate at Camp Foster, and Gate 2 at Camp Lester are closed for the summer.

**EFMP EXCEPTIONALLY SUNNY SERIES**

The Okinawa exceptional family member program is hosting its 4th annual Exceptionally Sunny Series camp this year themed "under the sea."

Children will participate in group activities that promote skills helpful for next year's academics, socialization and fitness.

The dates, times and locations for the series are as follows:

- Camp McTureous: July 9-13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Bechtel Elementary School.
- Camp Kinser: July 16-20 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kinser Youth and Teen Center, building 1316.

The dates, times and locations for the parents' series are as follows:

- Camp Kinser: July 17-19 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kinser Youth and Teen Center, building 1316

For more details, participation rules and to register, call 645-9237.

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF,** send an email to [okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil), or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.



**A controlled detonation removes an improvised explosive device from the path of a patrol June 4. The patrol, conducted by Company A, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), provided direct tactical logistics support to Regimental Combat Team 6 in support of Operation Branding Iron in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Photo by Cpl. Mark Stroud**

# CLB-4 aids Operation Branding Iron

**Cpl. Mark Stroud**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Marines and sailors with 3rd Platoon, Company A, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), provided sustained logistics support to Regimental Combat Team 6, north of Musa Qala, May 27 to June 11 during Operation Branding Iron.

The platoon transported supplies and equipment to and from a rearming, refueling and resupply point, or R3P, and provided troop transport and vehicle recovery capabilities.

"Our role is to provide direct tactical logistics support to (2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6) in support of their operations," said Capt. Donald L. Hotchkiss, company commander, Company A, CLB-4. "We provide a reach-back capability to transport critical classes of supply and essential equipment in order for the battalion to continue sustained combat operations."

Marines and sailors with 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, used the R3P site to rest and refit during the operation.

"The R3P site serves as a forward supply point in immediate proximity to the forward lines of troops," said 1st Lt. Benjamin Gutek, platoon commander, 3rd Plt., Company A, CLB-4. "We were able to transport supplies ... rapidly and accurately because we were in such close proximity."

The mission marks the first time during the deployment CLB-4 dedicated an entire motor transport platoon with internal command and control, security and recovery capability directly to an infantry battalion in support of a named operation, said Hotchkiss.

CLB-4 Marines and sailors adjusted to change supply and equipment needs quickly to fulfill operational requirements.

"The needs of the infantry (constantly) changed as the operation progressed, and it is important for us to be flexible to meet their needs," said Gutek.

The high operational tempo was maintained despite an increase in the improvised explosive device threat and stiff enemy resistance during CLB-4 movements, said Gutek.

The Marines responded to the high threat level in the area of operations by applying fundamental training.

"This mission gave the Marines a reality check, a reminder that they still need to retain and rely on the skills they learned in boot camp and (Marine combat training)," said Gutek.

Marines dug fighting holes into the rocky ground of the R3P site for protection while they slept. During the day Marines endured intense heat.

"The hotter it is, the more of a challenge it is to maintain your hygiene ... and it is 120-plus degrees out here during the day, so people are sweating more and the



**Marines with Company A recover a damaged mineroller during a combat logistics patrol in Helmand province May 30. The mineroller was damaged while traversing the rough terrain north of Musa Qala in support of Operation Branding Iron. The company is with Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward). Photo by Cpl. Mark Stroud**

dust starts coating everything," said Sgt. Daniel B. Baker, loadmaster, 3rd Plt., Company A, CLB-4. "If you don't stay clean, you risk getting sick. Once one person gets sick, it spreads because everyone is living in such tight quarters. When we start losing operators to sickness, it degrades our ability to achieve mission accomplishment."

The direct support operation also marked the longest CLB-4 mission to date.

The platoon accomplished its company commander's goal by overcoming all challenges that arose during the operation to accomplish their mission, said Gutek.

"For the Marines and sailors participating in this operation, they see what the warfighter goes through on a daily basis," said Hotchkiss. "The most important factor is the renewed energy they bring back to the Marines who have not had the opportunity to provide direct tactical logistics support to the forward lines of an operation."



# III MHG welcomes Lewallen



Lewallen



Olszowy

**Col. Stephen B. Lewallen assumed command of III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, from Col. David P. Olszowy during a ceremony at Camp Hansen June 21. Olszowy commanded III MHG since July 2010 and will become the deputy commander for Joint Task Force-Civil Support, U.S. Northern Command. Lewallen's previous assignment was at Camp Courtney, where he served as the chief of staff for 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.**

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time after the war, have untiringly pursued eternal peace, and have diligently striven to build an Okinawa where people can lead full and satisfying lives," said Hirokazu Nakaima, governor of Okinawa Prefecture.

"Today's ceremony gives us an opportunity to reflect on a crucial part of history and to remember those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today," said Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general. "It is great to be here and see everyone join together to honor those who died during the Battle of Okinawa."

The Battle of Okinawa started on Easter and was the bloodiest battle in the Pacific campaign, according to Glueck.

"As a child, I only learned about the U.S. military attacking Okinawa and how we lost so many lives," said Miki Diebert, operations clerk for

USO Okinawa. "After learning the history of World War II, I found out how this battle helped bring an end to the fighting. I also learned how the U.S. military helped the civilians after the war. I hope future ages can learn both sides of the story."

Throughout the park, pathways are lined with rows of stones bearing the 240,931 names of those killed, civilian and military, during the battle.

Those paying their respects to the fallen placed flowers, origami cranes, food and bottles of water under their loved ones' names.

"I was born and raised on Okinawa, and I have grandparents who were alive during the battle," said Diebert. "This is my second time going to the ceremony, and I recently found out I have relatives whose names are on the wall."

Service members' names on the wall represent heroic actions performed during the battle, according to Glueck.

"The names of the service members engraved on the walls here provide us with a solemn statement of their selfless courage and indomitable spirit," said Glueck. "They are the heroes, and we are eternally grateful for their contribution to peace. I am truly thankful that we, the citizens of the United States and Japan, are able to come together here as devoted friends and allies to remember the fallen."

This friendship shows itself during times of tragedy such as the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.

"As recently demonstrated during Operation Tomodachi, our nations have come together in a very special relationship," said Glueck. "Once divided, we are now bound together by history, culture and mutual devotion to peace and stability. I extend my sincere appreciation to the brave veterans of the Battle of Okinawa and it is a privilege to share this day of remembrance with everyone here."

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the time to be with us as we celebrate the lives of their sons who have gone on to guard the pearly gates."

Cochran was a team player, according to Baldwin. He worked hard to get on the deployment and was excited to go.

"Cochran worked harder in a day than most people do in a lifetime," said Capt. Aaron F. Fisher, Support Company commander with 9th ESB. "He was asked by his fellow Marines why he worked so hard, and he humbly responded, 'I want to be able to tell my family I did a good job.'"

Cochran was full of life, easy going and full of energy. He was a true warrior and a great Marine, according to Fisher.

"There is no more honorable way to pass than in the defense of our country and its people," said Baldwin. "Lance Cpl. Cochran died while serving his country, and he was proud of what he was doing. That was evident from the emphatic praise from his fellow Marines."

As the Marines got to know Cochran, they realized he was a perfect fit for the Corps, according to Lance Cpl. Omar E. Montero, a water support technician with the battalion. He was walking motivation with a

smile always on his face.

"I have no doubt that Cochran is looking down and smiling as he always did," said Montero. "Because of that fact, I don't mourn him like I did at first but I celebrate his life. I don't cry like I used to, I only feel sad for those who never got to know him."

"From today on, when I look back and remember my friend and my brother, I will laugh because I have nothing but good memories," said Montero. "I know those pearly gates are well guarded with Cochran on his post."

At the service, Fisher remembered Palacio constantly being put out in front of the construction team due to his experience and leadership abilities. He relished his role as a noncommissioned officer and excelled consistently on each and every mission.

After Palacio's death, Marines with 9th ESB dedicated themselves to completing Route Tiffany, which he was killed defending, according to Fisher.

"After what happened on Route Tiffany, I still find it hard that Palacio is actually gone," said Cpl. Tony Simas Jr., a military policeman with the battalion. "In my mind and in



**Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion pause to remember Cpl. Michael J. Palacio and Lance Cpl. Kenneth E. Cochran during a memorial service at the Camp Hansen Theater June 21. Palacio served as a military policeman and Cochran served as a water support technician with 9th ESB, which is part of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.**

my heart he is not and never will be because of all the cherished memories I have with him."

Palacio demonstrated the type of courage and leadership that embodies the Corps' values, according to Fisher.

"I know I will be seeing Mikey again one day," said Simas. "But

until that day comes I'm left with the memories of my friend, my brother, Cpl. 'Mikey' Palacio."

It has been an honor to serve among heroes such as Palacio and Cochran, according to Fisher. These Marines are now entrenched in the legacy of 9th ESB, and their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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the path paved by Beydler in previous years.

"I am confident the team that Maj. Gen. Beydler has put together is ready, and will remain ready for any tasking the nation calls upon us to undertake," he said. "We will uphold the standards that the Corps demands."

During the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., the commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, explained the pride and trust he has in both Owens and Beydler.

"I have had the privilege to work with both of these gentlemen in the past,

and I have complete trust and faith that they will continue to carry out their missions successfully," said Glueck. "I am extremely pleased in all that Maj. Gen. Beydler has done here as commander of 1st MAW. I would like to bid him fair winds and following seas, and I look forward to working with Brig. Gen. Owens."

The day prior to the ceremony, Beydler piloted an F/A-18D Hornet during his final flight at MCAS Futenma.

"I want to leave you all with three things – readiness, standards and core values," said Beydler.



# Cambodia

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

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After spending 20 days in the hot, humid climate of Cambodia, sailors and Marines with 3rd Medical Battalion wrapped up Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, June 21.

The battalion, a part of Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in the exercise to enhance military-to-military relationships between U.S., Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Cambodian government medical personnel.

"The exercise went well," said Lt. j.g. Kevin D. Reid, operations officer for the exercise. "We met the objective set for us by III MEF and U.S. Pacific Command, which directed the battalion to build host nation medical capabilities."

During the exercise, 58 lectures were given to medical staff by both Cambodian and U.S. personnel and participants conducted subject-matter exchanges and bilateral medical training, according to Senior Chief Petty Officer Arne A. Marin, the senior enlisted leader for the exercise.

"The Marines and sailors performed excellently," Reid said. "We asked a lot of the sailors and Marines, requiring them to adapt to different environmental and teaching conditions."

The personnel at the Preaketh Mealea military hospital were extremely receptive to the training, according to Reid. After the lectures, hospital staff requested further discussions and training in the future.

While in Cambodia, the battalion also conducted a community relations project at the Aspeca Orphanage in Kampot.

The sailors and Marines worked hard to leave the buildings looking as nice as possible and worked side-by-side with the Cambodians.

"The project showed good relations between our countries," said Sgt. Gary L. Garza, a civil affairs team chief with III MEF civil affairs. "The local populace, staff of the orphanage and personnel from the battalion helped to make it better looking and safer for the children."

In addition to the outreach project and subject-matter exchanges, U.S. and Cambodian service members exchanged knowledge regarding types of fractures, splints, intravenous procedures, splinting, casualty carries and other basic medical techniques.

They exchanged this specialized information through classroom instruction, demonstrations and practical application exercises.

"We are happy the sailors come here to train," said Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Lt. Cmdr. Ley Sarith, a physician's assistant at Ream Naval Base. "The sailors helped train our newer personnel with new equipment and techniques."

As there is not a large military presence in Phnom Penh, the hope is information will be disseminated from those who attended the exercise to personnel at other facilities throughout Cambodia, according to Reid.

"We will continue our mission to increase (Cambodia's medical capabilities)," said Reid. "We will be taking the lessons we learned here home with us, and we hope they will do the same and share the knowledge with those around them."

Marines, sailors and a Cambodian volunteer paint the Aspeca Orphanage in Kam Pot June 10 during Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012. The orphanage was repainted during a community relations event to help orphaned children in the local community. The Marines and sailors are with 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



# Medical Exercise 2012 concludes



Participants start the Phnom Penh International Half Marathon June 17 outside of the Queen's Palace in Phnom Penh. The event hosted participants from seven different countries and included four different races. The race distances were 21, 10, five and three kilometers.



Members of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces practice using intravenous techniques after sharing medical knowledge with U.S. service members during Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012 at Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, June 5.



Above: U.S. Navy Lt. Charles Kinard exchanges medical techniques during a brief to Royal Cambodian Armed Forces medical personnel in Phnom Penh June 19. The lecture was a part of Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012. Kinard is an emergency room nurse with 3rd Med. Bn. Left: Members of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces practice combat casualty care techniques at Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, June 5. As a part of the exercise, members of the Royal Cambodian Navy and Air Force exchanged medical techniques with U.S. Navy sailors assigned to 3rd Med. Bn.



# Ammo Company learns enemy prisoner of war procedures

Story and photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**M**arines with Ammunition Company conducted enemy prisoner of war training at Camp Schwab June 15.

The Marines learned about the biometrics automated toolset and its database, collecting biometrics in theater, how to detain enemies, and how to complete a force cell extraction. The company, which is part of 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics

Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, will soon travel to Camp Fuji, Japan, to execute a two-week EPW training exercise.

First, Marines learned how to use the BAT and collect biometrics to enter into its database.

"The BAT database is a tool the National Ground Intelligence Center uses to store biometrics of suspected terrorists," said Shayne D. Schouest, a biometrics instructor for the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Integrated Systems

Training Center.

The collection of biometrics includes iris scans, fingerprints and facial features, according to Schouest.

Marines use the handheld interagency identity detection equipment (HIIDE) system to collect biometrics while forward deployed, according to Schouest.

"The HIIDE system allows Marines to easily collect the necessary information to identify any known terrorist and capture them," said Schouest. "If a suspicious person has already been entered, the HIIDE system will alert the Marine scanning that the person is a suspected terrorist and needs to be detained."

Once instructed on how to use the system, Marines practiced using it on one another.

"The system was very easy to use and walked us through every step of the process (for) capturing the fingerprints (and) scanning the iris and facial (features)," said Pfc. Patrick S. Riedy, an ammunition technician with the company. "We

practiced (on) each other to get a better understanding of the system."

Marines then went outside to practice detention and force cell extraction skills.

Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Hanson, a correctional specialist with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF, began by teaching and demonstrating escalation of force procedures on a detained prisoner.

"Verbal commands are used first to gain compliance with the prisoner," said Gunnery Sgt. James A. Kozminski Jr., a correctional specialist and EPW instructor with 3rd LE Bn. "If verbal commands do not work, the next step is a show of force to display your force capabilities to the prisoner."

The goal of capturing an EPW is to bring them in with the least amount of force necessary and without injury to themselves or others, according to Hanson.

"I taught the Marines how to take down and capture an enemy using the least amount of force



**Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Hanson demonstrates how to stun an enemy combatant during enemy prisoner of war training at Camp Schwab June 15. Hanson is a correctional specialist with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF.**

necessary," said Hanson. "I instructed the Marines (on) how to find pressure points on the body, making it easier to detain an enemy if they are being noncompliant."

There is no time limit between steps, and it is important to use sound judgment to determine the next step, according to Kozminski.

In the final portion of training, Marines learned how to execute a force cell extraction.

"A force cell extraction is when a detainee is posing a threat to their self or others while in their cell," said Kozminski. "During this evolution, five Marines will enter the cell and gain control of the prisoner."

Each Marine has a certain part of the body they are responsible for, according to Kozminski. Both arms and legs are controlled individually, and the team leader gives verbal commands while controlling the detainee's head.

After gaining positive control, the Marines handcuffed both the arms and legs together and left the room to give the prisoner time to calm down.

The training evolution was complete once each Marine practiced the force cell extraction.

"The skills we learned were easy to understand and to put into use," said Riedy. "I felt this training gave me all the tools I need (in) an EPW situation."



**Pfc. Patrick S. Riedy uses the handheld interagency identity detection equipment system to scan the iris of Pfc. James D. Smith during enemy prisoner of war training at Camp Schwab June 15. Riedy and Smith are both ammunition technicians with Ammunition Company.**



**Marines with Ammunition Company practice detaining an enemy combatant during enemy prisoner of war training at Camp Schwab June 15. The company will travel to Camp Fuji, Japan, to execute a two-week EPW training exercise upon completion of pre-deployment training. The company is part of 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.**



# Marines send artillery rounds downrange

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**“F**ire mission!” yelled Cpl. David M. RocheRodriguez. Instantly, all the Marines around went to work, racing to beat the clock and get rounds from a 155 mm howitzer downrange.

RocheRodriguez, a field artillery cannoneer with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, was participating in live-fire training during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1, which took place at Yausubetsu Maneuver Area, Hokkaido, Japan.

The regiment, a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted the training to sustain unit proficiency and maintain combat readiness in support of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

“It’s important for Marines to obtain the training here at the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area to maintain their skills in their military occupational specialty,” said Maj. Jason P. Brown, the commanding officer of the battalion.

“I would like to see Marines in the future working side-by-side with Japanese artillery units because our nations work jointly so often.”

Marines of all ranks throughout the battalion take the training seriously.

“Yes, it’s a training exercise, but for (the Marines of the regiment), it is more,” said RocheRodriguez. “We treat it like a real-life operation because we know one day, if we’re in combat, the seconds we save getting the rounds downrange could determine if our fellow Marines live or die.”

The target coordinates and objective are verified at the fire direction center before any fire mission is sent to the gun line. Personnel compute the data to ensure all given coordinates are safe.

“Our job is to ensure every round we fire lands in the impact zone,” said 1st Lt. David C. Lee, a field artillery officer and the commander of the battalion’s Bravo battery’s fire direction center. “We are sent the coordinates to shoot for, along with the objective, and we calculate what settings the weapons require for the mission. Then, we send



**1st Lt. David C. Lee checks firing coordinates to ensure artillery rounds hit inside the impact area during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1 at Yausubetsu Maneuver Area June 22. Lee is a field artillery officer and the commander of the fire direction center for Bravo battery, 3rd Bn., 12th Marines.**

our results to the gun line through digital or voice communication.”

The Marines endured training in cold, rainy and windy conditions, but they were still able to get rounds downrange day and night.

Marines also executed several convoys, including night convoys, during which they used night-vision goggles to maneuver between multiple firing positions.

The battalion finished its live-fire training June 21, but still has several other events scheduled to create a stronger bond with its Japanese counterparts, including a friendship day and sports day.

**Marines with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, conduct live-fire training during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1 at Yausubetsu Maneuver Area, Hokkaido, Japan, June 22. The regiment is part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.**



**Cpl. David M. RocheRodriguez uses the chief of section display to do an ammunition check during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1 at Yausubetsu Maneuver Area June 22. RocheRodriguez is a field artillery cannoneer with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.**



## Unit builds morale, cohesion in game

**Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The sound of billiard balls cracking into one another filled the room during a pool tournament at the Ocean Breeze, Camp Foster June 15.

The tournament was held by G-6, communications telephone systems branch, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, as a morale-boosting event.

The tournament was organized by Staff Sgt. Jaime Gaona, a telecommunications systems chief with the branch.

“(We) asked the younger Marines what they

wanted to do, and what we came up with was this pool tournament,” said Gaona. “Each player participated in a bracketed competition with standard eight-ball rules.”

The objective of eight-ball is for the player to be the first to pocket all of their balls, solids or stripes, and finish by “sinking” the eight-ball. If a player pockets the eight-ball before the rest of their balls, he or she loses.

The game of eight-ball evolved from an earlier game first recorded in 1908 in the U.S. by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. This forerunner game was played with seven yellow and seven red balls, a black ball and the cue ball. Today, numbered stripes and solids are preferred throughout most of the world.

Pool competitions such as

this provide a refreshing change from the usual events hosted on military installations.

As an incentive to join the competition, the first-place winner of the tournament received a \$30 gift certificate to any Army and Air Force Exchange Services store and a first-place medallion. The second-place winner received a \$20 gift card and a second-place medallion.

“Everyone who participated had an excellent time,” said Garcia. “The Marines got to engage in friendly competition, talk a little trash, and have some fun.”

At the end of the tournament, Cpl. Tien M. Nguyen, a data systems technician for the branch, emerged victorious.

“I had a lot of fun and hope to do this again,” said Nguyen. “It was a good way to build camaraderie and morale.”

**Lance Cpl. Carlos E. Martinez** carefully lines up a shot during a pool tournament hosted by the G-6, communications telephone systems branch, at the Ocean

Breeze at Camp Foster June 15. Martinez is a construction wireman with the branch, which is a part of Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

## NCIS sponsors child abuse awareness campaign

**Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Laughter and joy radiated from a child as he chased bubbles blown into the wind. His father expressed the same glee as he took another breath and exhaled into the wand and produced more bubbles. This picture of a happy family is ideal, but not always the case.

Annually, 3.3 million reports of child abuse are made in the U.S. involving six million children, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“Child abuse and exploitation is an ongoing problem,” said Gillian Ruppert, a special agent with Naval Criminal Investigative Service. “Since April 1, the crime reduction program, a Department of the Navy education and awareness program, has been focused on this issue. The campaign is scheduled to (conclude) June 30.”

The campaign’s focus is prevention and intervention of child abuse and specifically encourages the importance of bystander intervention and reporting.

In support of the campaign, NCIS participated in police week at Kadena Air Base and provided internet safety briefs to Navy personnel and families, as well as child abuse

and exploitation prevention briefs to local commands.

“There are four types of child abuse: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect,” said Ruppert.

Each form of abuse has its own signs and indicators.

“Child abuse can take many forms, from verbal and emotional attacks to physical and sexual assaults,” said Ruppert. “Physically abused children may have unexplained bruising or appear frightened

when around their parent or caregiver, while children who are experiencing emotional abuse may have delayed emotional or physical development and may have attempted suicide or expressed suicidal ideations.”

The presence of only one sign may not indicate abuse, so bystanders must look for combinations of signs.

“Child abuse untreated can lead to continued cycles of family violence, affect children into adulthood, lead to poor school performance, and lead to dangerous and risky behavior,” said

Jean A. Claffey, the director of the Marine Corps Community Services behavioral health family advocacy program. “Child abuse can happen in any family, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic background or rank.”

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**Jean A. Claffey**

It is very important to raise awareness about child abuse and exploitation in order to prevent it or to put a stop to it if it is already happening, according to Molly Conley, the child development center director for the Ashibina Center and MCCS children, youth and teen programs.

MCCS provides numerous resources such as children, youth and teen programs, the new parent support program and family advocacy program, all of which support families who may need help dealing with pressures, which can lead to child abuse.

“If the community has an understanding, we can all work together to help those children (in need),” said Conley.

If you suspect child abuse in any form, contact NCIS, law enforcement or the family advocacy staff.



# In Theaters Now

**JUNE 29 - JULY 5**

## FOSTER

**TODAY** Rock of Ages (PG13), 6 p.m.; Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), noon; Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; That's My Boy (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 1 p.m.; Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 4 and 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 3 p.m.; Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 3 p.m.; Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 7 p.m.

## KADENA

**TODAY** Brave (PG), 6 p.m.; The Raven (R), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Brave (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Rock of Ages (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Brave (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Rock of Ages (PG13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Rock of Ages (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** The Raven (R), 7 p.m.

## COURTNEY

**TODAY** Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 2 p.m.; The Cabin in the Woods (R), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Five-Year Engagement (R), 2 p.m.; Prometheus (R), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Rock of Ages (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

## FUTENMA

**TODAY** The Five-Year Engagement (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 4 and 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Cabin in the Woods (R), 4 p.m.; The Five-Year Engagement (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Prometheus (R), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## KINSER

**TODAY** Men In Black III (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 3 p.m.; Men In Black III (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 3 p.m.; The Raven (R), 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Closed

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Prometheus (R), 6:30 p.m.

## HANSEN

**TODAY** The Raven (R), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Prometheus (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Raven (R), 2 p.m.; Safe (R), 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Safe (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Rock of Ages (PG13), 7 p.m.

## SCHWAB

**TODAY** Prometheus (R), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Five-Year Engagement (R), 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Cabin in the Woods (R), 5 p.m.

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## THEATER DIRECTORY

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**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-3890

(USO NIGHT) 636-2113

**CAMP COURTNEY** 622-9616

**CAMP HANSEN** 623-4564

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# SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

## 4TH OF JULY BBQ AT TROPICAL BEACH - JULY 4

- Two tents, tables and grills will be reserved at Tropical Beach. A bus will pick Marines and sailors up from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma at 9 a.m. and Camp Kinser at 9:30 a.m.; return transportation will not be provided.

## FOREST ADVENTURE TRIP FOR NORTHERN CAMPS - JULY 8

- Spend a day zip-lining through the Okinawa jungle July 8. Transportation will be provided from Camps Hansen and Schwab. Sign up by today.

## RYUKYU GLASS FACTORY & PINEAPPLE PARK TRIP - JULY 14

- Spend July 14 making your own glass cups, key chains, jewelry and exploring a pineapple field. A bus will pick up Marines and sailors at the Camp Kinser Gym at 9 a.m. and the MCAS Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:30 a.m. Sign up by July 12.

## DISCOVER GOLF - FREE GOLF LESSONS

- Taiyo Golf Course is hosting free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. Participants meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

## Japanese phrases of the week:

“Dai jobu”

(pronounced: dah-ee jo-boo)

It means,

“I’m ok”

or “It’s ok”

“Dai jobu

desuka?”

(pronounced:

dah-ee jo-boo

dehs-kah)

It means,

“Are you ok?”

“Is it ok?”



# CHAPLAINS' CORNER

*“Become stronger as a result of the tough times in life”*

## Path of resistance worth struggle

**Cmdr. Randal B. Craft**

3RD MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP CHAPLAIN

I’ve always liked the ocean, rivers, water ... that’s good ... I am a sailor!

I remember, especially as a kid, playing by a river or stream and throwing a stick into the water and watching where it would go and how far it would travel. The stick would usually follow the path of least resistance ... the easy way to its destination. Other times the stick would take a harder path and end up on a more difficult journey.

Our lives can be represented by that flowing river, providing us with paths of both least and great resistance. This is because we often have choices to make. When faced with times of adversity, we can take what I would call the path of least resistance ... the easy path, and become negative, pessimistic, indifferent, get discouraged, and lose our sense of perseverance. Or, we can take the path of resistance, the harder path, and resist pessimism, indifference, discouragement and hopelessness by

confronting or facing our problems with a positive attitude, hope, faith (in God or according to your particular religious background, if any), confidence in our ability to have dominion and appropriately meet the demands at hand, as well as find solutions to the problems confronting us.

Why would we take the more difficult path of resistance? This is the way that ultimately enables us to grow, to become stronger as a result of the tough times in life. Another way we could look at the path of resistance is the analogy with resistance or weight training. When you lift weights, you are resisting a particular weight and resistance builds muscle strength. So it is when we resist the “weights” of life such as pessimism, indifference, discouragement, and hopelessness, with a positive attitude, hope, faith and confidence we persevere to find solutions. We can grow emotionally and spiritually strong in the process and come out as victorious. Let’s take the path of resistance, keep charging, and have a great week!

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